

## Senate Bill 241

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Thank you, members of the committee, for the opportunity to speak today on Senate Bill 241.

The emergency and pursuit lights used on police cars have evolved since state statutes regulating them were first developed. Current law permits most emergency vehicles to be equipped with red lights or red and white lights, but police vehicles may be equipped with red and blue lights. The use of white lights, in addition to the standard red and blue lights, is not currently permitted.

Some police agencies continue to use them anyway, while others have them disabled before new cruisers are placed into service. This bill legalizes these lighting features that have become increasingly common on today's police cars.

I would like to thank the committee members for the opportunity to speak on this topic, and would be happy to answer any questions at this time.